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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS/NEW OFFICERS

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination "welcomes" new presidents of neighborhood associations and says a "special thank you" to outgoing presidents. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the improvement of the life-style of your neighborhood.

Neighborhood	"Welcome" to	"Thanks" to
<u>Association</u>	Incoming President	Outgoing President
Antelope Run	Robert O. Woods	Mike Creedon
Bear Canyon	Bambi Folk	Margaret Siegel
Chelwood Park	Lovie McGee	Mildred Griffee
Desert Spring Flower	Tanya Maldonado	Debbie Martinez
The Greater Gardner	Mary Williams	Susan McAllister
North Domingo Baca	Judie Pellegrino	Jeff Peterson
Princess Jeanne	Andrew Baughman	Pat Bivens
Rio Grande Blvd.	Claude Morelli	Doyle Kimbrough
Siesta Hills	Christopher Eyrich	Don Calkins
Sonora	Mindy Styer	Lori Jorgensen
South Atrisco	Darlene Garcia	Trevor Carter
Thomas Village	Amy Suman	Elias M. Herandez
District 6 Coalition of NA's	Claude Lewis	Deana Walter

Alameda North Valley Association regained their "Recognized" status on June 17, 2003. Thomas Village Neighborhood Association regained their "Recognized" status on June 4, 2003.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

None



A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chavez

Water, Silvery Minnow, Water

Hello again, and welcome. This month I would like to discuss a single issue that is of dramatic importance to everyone in the City of Albuquerque. That issue is water and I am specifically referring to our San Juan-Chama Water Project.

Recently, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the decision of the Federal District Court in Albuquerque saying the Endangered Species Act takes precedence over federal water contracts. The ruling says that Albuquerque's San Juan-Chama water may be commandeered by the Federal Government to meet the needs of the endangered Silvery Minnow. This ruling could potentially cost Albuquerque 70 percent of its future water supply.

The consequences of this ruling are very profound and I intend to do everything in my power to seek and secure a reversal of this decision.

I have asked our Congressional Delegation to help in this matter and both Senator Pete Domenici and Representative Heather Wilson have voiced strong objections to the 10th Circuit Court's ruling and have assured me that they will seek legislation to block the court's decision. Senator Domenici has stated that the decision was a tough one, not just for Albuquerque, but also for the West. Representative Wilson said that this was a precedent-setting decision because this water that they say has to stay in the river is not Rio Grande water...it's "non-native" water. The ruling is supposed to affect water already flowing in the Rio Grande and the San Juan-Chama water is thus "imported" water.

The San Juan-Chama project began in 1967 when city leaders had the vision to protect our water needs for the long term. The project brings water diverted in southern Colorado, through a 27 - mile

tunnel that crosses the Continental Divide and flows into the Rio Grande River System, via the San Juan and Chama rivers. Since that time, the City of Albuquerque has spent nearly \$50 million to see the project's completion. Water for this project is currently being stored at Heron Lake in northern New Mexico until we can complete the facilities needed to extract the water from the Rio Grande for our needs.

I recently went to Heron Lake to officially launch what I call the City of Albuquerque's Drinking Water Project. When completed, this water will provide fully 70 percent of our water supply, enabling us to reduce our reliance on the underground aquifer and allow it to make a recovery from present over pumping.

This water is needed for our use today since we are rapidly depleting the aquifer supply. Governor Richardson has called the Court ruling a setback for New Mexico and agrees that we must pursue all legal remedies to overturn this shortsighted decision, all the way to the Supreme Court, if need be. I can assure you that I will fight this ruling with everything that is available. If it takes an appeal then we will appeal. If it takes federal legislation to accomplish, then we will pursue. But I promise you, I will not let this go, our community and our children's future depend on it.



Martin J. Chavez, Mayor





Neighborhood Workshop Corner

Workshops are held in the Plaza Del Sol Building Hearing Room #160, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW.

Land Use and Zoning Workshop Saturday, September 27, 2003 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This workshop is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of all the aspects of Zoning and Land Use issues at EPC, DRB and ZHE hearings. We utilize the Planning Department division managers and selected community and board members to provide this informative training.

Register on line at <www.cabq.gov/ planning/pages/neighborhood/ newsletter/newsletter.html>.



- Know of someone with a disability living in a nursing home who is looking for an apartment but can't afford one
- § Will you need help in paying part of the rent?
- § Do you need personal care assistance (personal care attendant) if you live in your own apartment?
- § Do you need information on where to find affordable accessible housing?
- § Will you need assistance (help) in transitioning from a nursing home into your own apartment?
- § We can also provide you with other resources like Medicaid waivers, Personal Care Option

Project Access housing program can help you.

For information on how to apply please call ILRC, Susan Lewis, **505-266-5022**, v/tty, **1-800-260-5022v/tty**.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

News From And For Neighborhoods





The Children's Safety Fair A Preventive Measure In Fighting Crime

By Hurma Toshiyeva

I would first like to express my gratitude to the Anderson School of Management and the Planning Department staff of Neighborhood Coordination for giving me a great opportunity to learn the many aspects and functions of working with neighborhood associations.

One of my first assignments was to attend the Children's Safety Fair on May 31, 2003 at the University of Phoenix in Albuquerque. I was very impressed to see how much neighborhood volunteers and staff cooperatively conducted this event for community residents.

The Children's Safety Fair provided hands-on training for youth in many aspects of safety. Most of the trainers were staff and volunteers. Parents and their children came to the Fair, received badges with numbers on them to identify each of the sections they would visit. Fifteen sections were offered in areas of crime prevention education. The sections included such topics as "Sidewalk Watch," "Safe Kids Now," "In The Park," "In The Grocery Store," "New Mexico Kids," "Who Is Safe,?" "Fingerprint/Picture," "United Blood Services," and refreshments.

Over 12 sections and activities focused on children's protection and child-related resources. The inspector from Bernalillo Country Fire Department encouraged kids to wear helmets when they ride their bikes, ride safely and to wear reflective clothing when biking at night. The trainers participated in a role-

play during their sessions. For example, during the "In the park" course, one of the trainers tried to attract kids with the statements such as, "I have a little dog in the car let's go and see it." Some kids



Diana Speakman Talks With Participants About Bike Safety

innocently followed the trainer. Later, the trainers explained to the kids that they need to respond, "don't touch me" and if the stranger keeps coming closer, they need to step back, make noise, ask for help and get away. The kids absorbed the material, took it seriously and they truly learned a lot.

In the "Sidewalk Watch" section, Mary Hawley and Carl Barlett, from the Albuquerque Block Captains Association, explained the program to the parents and gave them handouts on how to start a Sidewalk Watch program in the neighborhood. The Sidewalk Watch program is a very simple and important program that can bring a neighborhood together by simply having residents be

out on their property when students are going to and from school.

The Children's Safety Fair is an outstanding educational event for parents and children. It is the proactive and preventive measures that fight crime and pursue a higher quality life. The Children's Safety Fair is a great contribution to the upcoming National Night Out event. The event raises awareness among neighborhoods of the importance in taking actions as preventive measures.

National Night Out is a grassroots community crime-prevention program that establishes police/community partnerships and neighborhood watch initiatives through its annual event and year round programs. This year, National Night Out, is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2003 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. We cordially invite you and your community to participate in this International Night Out event. National Night

Out encourages citizens to invest in their own communities through volunteering and making partnerships with local law enforcement.

National Night Out promotes good communications between community leaders and law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency service workers, and other public servants who serve and protect our citizens every day. It encourages citizens to monitor their own communities, report developing crime and what they can do to protect their communities. It also prepares people to work cooperatively with police, removing the natural reluctance of some citizens to work with law enforcement.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Herb Howell

A Simple Approach To

Neighborhood Improvement

(Adapted from City Of Tacoma, Neighborhood Council Office)

Most of you who are reading this have a desire to improve something about your neighborhood. It might be the barking dog next door. It might be the party or drug house down the block. It might be the cars that speed up your block at 2 a.m.. Perhaps you need new playground equipment or even an entire park.

There are three primary areas of discussion which I will be writing about in the coming months. The first is called the "Steps for Developing Neighborhood Improvements." This is the planning stage.

The second article will be about the Neighborhood Characteristics-the understanding of who you are. It is a critical step before you embark on change. You may want to be careful before you start to destroy the identity and character of where you live. This article will teach you about gathering data, so you can analyze your neighborhood!

The third part of the series help identify the resources you might want to be aware of in the community to help you realize your dream, for an improved neighborhood and a better place to live.

The steps for Developing Neighborhood Improvements are as follows:

1) Assess the Problems 2) Gather Information 3) Set Goals and Priorities 4) Discuss Solutions 5) Choose the Best Solution 6) Develop Action Steps 7) Arrange Funding/ Self Help 8) Carry Out Activities

Assess Problems: Don't jump to quick conclusions before you truly understand what the real problem is. Be sure you dig deep and look beyond the symptoms. "Neighborhood problems are often complex and require thought and planning. If you work on solutions before you understand the problem, group members may try to solve different problems." Group members need to agree on what the true problem is and discuss how it is affecting the neighborhood before rushing into specific solutions.

Gather Information: What our gut level reaction to the problem is may not be cor-

rect and we can not, realistically, solve neighborhood problems on instinct. He must gather data to present to the governmental agencies, who might be able to help in solving the deeper issues. That data will demonstrate how the problem exists and to what extent it has effect on the neighborhood. The nuts and bolts of this step will be presented in greater detail in the next article.

One question to begin thinking about is: "What needs are not being met by existing services or facilities?" Begin thinking about the sorts of questions you are going to need to ask

Set Goals and Priorities: By the time you have gathered your data, you should have a thorough understanding of the neighborhood needs and problems. Then it is the time to begin setting some goals. Write out the statements of what you want to accomplish. Be sure to write your goals in general terms, at this stage. You may want to write your goals in general terms, so you have the freedom to look at several possibilities.

These goals will guide the improvements you make. Make sure they reflect the views of the neighborhood residents. Next, you will want to "discuss the goals in an open meeting where everyone affected can talk about his or her feelings. Listen to what people say and come to an agreement on what the group wants to accomplish. The groups must set the priorities. If the group decides it needs to gather data on a wider range of neighborhood needs, then they will need to set goals for each area of need. Then you will have the beginning of a neighborhood plan."

Discuss Solutions: From goal formation you have decided what it is that you want to accomplish. The next step is to begin to discuss some ways to reach those goals. Open the process up by brainstorming all the possible ways to meet the goals, in a group meeting. "The trick is to brainstorm many ideas, good or bad, without discussing any of them in detail."

Once you have a list, then discuss each item as to the advantages and disadvantages of each solution. This discussion should help narrow down the choices to a few solutions that can be discussed in depth. After discussing the pros and cons of each solution, the committee should be able to agree upon the best one.

Choose The Best Solution: "Look at the goals and priorities the group set and choose a solution that will best accomplish the goals." Consider these questions when planning for implementation:

•Which solutions can be finished easily and

quickly? Which solutions need outside funds? Are there any funds available? •Are there legal or physical problems that must be solved before you can begin work on the solution •Will people support the solution? •Can you get enough information to deal with the solution?

Develop Action Steps: Taking the real action is the key for your desired future. "Your group should write a step by step plan of how to implement the solution." Insure responsibility for taking the actions, what costs are involved, a timetable of when things are expected to be done. Decide if you have adequate materials, funds, manpower, and other resources or if you will need to apply for funds through an agency or City Councilor.

Arrange Funding/Self Help: There are many activities that can be accomplished by the neighborhood without any outside help. Funding activities need to be based on the requirements of the organization. Organizational policies and procedures need to be followed, as well as the approval of the Board of Directors, in the case of Non-Profits. It is interesting to be aware of the fact that many city, state, and federal agencies, plus a few private foundations offer grants or loans to neighborhood groups.

Committee members are then to choose responsibilities, sign up for areas of interest and then follow-up.

Carry Out Activities: The final step is the doing phase. If your neighborhood association is involved in a self-help project, someone will have to supervise each step to insure that everyone does his or her job and keep it on schedule. Also, it is important to insure that someone is always available to make important decisions, whenever problems arise.

When your group applies for funds from outside sources, the funding agency will be responsible for implementing the project. The role of your neighborhood association is to inform the funding agency of what the neighborhood wants to accomplish and to insure that the plans are carried out.

The problems faced by neighborhoods are very complex. However, when groups are who are truly committed to improving their areas, can really make a difference in their community. It is the hope of the Office of Neighborhood Coordination can continue to provide your neighbor-

hood Association with the education, resources and tool to make your neighborhood a better place to live.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



Community Policing on the Move

The National Amber Alert Plan

Submitted by Carl Bartlett

In an earlier article we discussed the New Mexico AMBER Alert Plan - how the plan would be implemented, who would implement the plan and who would be the primary broadcast source. Nothing has changed in the New Mexico AMBER Alert Plan. What has changed is national in impact and importance.

The Congress of the United States has passed a bill and President Bush has signed into law, an act that is known as the "Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to end the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003 or the **PROTECT ACT**.

The contents of this act are wide and varied. They include: supervised release terms for sex offenders, first degree murder for child abuse and torture murders, strong penalties for kidnapping, penalties against sex tourism, no statue of limitations for child abduction and sex crimes and many other offenses.

In title *Ill* - *Public Outreach*, *subtitle* - *A-Amber Alert*, the Congress addresses the establishment of a National AMBER Alert Plan which will be operational throughout the United States (presently forty-one states have AMBER Alert plans in place). Congress has codified the establishment of an AMBER Alert coordinator within the Department of Justice to assist the various states with their AMBER Alert plans. Assistant Attorney General Deborah Daniels has been designated as the AMBER Alert staff person. Her job is to assist various governmental agencies in developing and

improving local and statewide AMBER Alert plans.

The AMBER Alert program is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement units and media broadcasters. Section 304 of the PROTECT Act authorizes \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 under a program that is administered by the United States Attorney General. These monies are to be used for the support of AMBER Alert communications systems.

When the national AMBER Alert system is fully operational, the general public will be able to become a central portion of Community Oriented Policing Problem Solving. On Sunday, May 3, 2003 at 10:15 a.m., Fox News Network broadcast the following AMBER Alert: "On Saturday afternoon, 3 year old Janna Hart was kidnapped from a parking lot in Madison Heights, Michigan. The child's grandmother had a flat tire on her vehicle. A man offered to help her change the tire. When the tire change was completed, the offender jumped into the grandmother's car and sped away. The grandmother was left standing alone in the parking lot. Janna Hart was seated in the grandmother's car when the offender drove away." At approximately, 11:30 a.m., MST, Sunday, May 4, 2003, Fox News Network broadcast the message that Janna Hart had been recovered, safe and sound. We consider this incident to be a shining example of COPPS in action.

Road Rage Is Real

Anger and driving don't mix Behind the wheel is no place for aggression. But, more and more people are letting their emotions get the best of them One report states that during the first six years of this decade, over 10,000 incidents of road rage were reported

10 Ways To Avoid Road Rage and Other Safe Driving Tips

Suggestions from the AAA

- 1. Be courteous behind the wheel.
- 2. Don't honk your horn excessively.
- 3. Don't block the passing lane.
- 4. Don't switch lanes without signaling first.
- 5. Don't take up more than one parking space.

- 6. Don't let your door hit the car parked next to you.
- 7. Don't tailgate.
- 8. Avoid unnecessary use of high beam headlights.
- 9. Don't inflict your loud music on nearby cars.
- 10. Allow plenty of time for every trip.

Blind Spots

Another place to check to see if you're in someone's blind spot is their outside side mirror. If you can't see the driver's face, chances are they can't see you.

Q: What if the accelerator sticks?

A: Try pulling it up with the toe of your shoe. If a passenger is with you, have them reach down and pull it up. You should not take your eyes off the road to reach down yourself. If your car has a manual transmission, press down on the clutch. The engine will continue to race but you can then pull safely off the road. If it's an automatic transmission, put it in neutral. It's not a good idea to turn off the key. Some cars will lose power steering or even lock the steering wheel if the ignition is turned off.

Q: I saw a hood fly open on a car on the freeway. What then?

A: The driver needs to stop, but if they slam on the brakes, they could be hit from behind. In some cars, from behind the wheel, you can actually see ahead by peeking through the opening between the dashboard and the hood. If not, then lean out the window to see what's ahead of you. In either case, you need to slow down smoothly and pull off the road.

Q: Suppose another car is coming right at me - what should I do?

A: Right is often the right way. Try to escape to the right if possible. Almost anything is better than a head-on collision. But, if you move to the left, the oncoming driver might correct at the last minute and turn back in the direction you've just gone. While you're moving to the right, blow your horn. If you can't avoid a collision, brake firmly and steadily. Every mile per hour you slow down will reduce the impact.



A Message From Your City Council

Council staff may be reached at **768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling **768-3100** after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. The City Council's fax number is **768-3227**. Agendas, Action Items and Summaries are are available on the Council's webpage at **<www.cabq.gov/council/counsched.html>** (Front Row, L to R: Tina Cummins, District 9; Eric Griego, District 3; Brad Winter, District 4; Sally Mayer, District 7; Michael Cadigan, District 5; Greg Payne, Vice Presdient District 8. Back Row, L to R: Vincent Griego, President, District 2; Miguel Gomez, District 1, Hess Yntema, District 6).

Planned Growth Strategy Advisory Task Force

The Planned Growth Strategy (PGS) was adopted by the Council and signed into law by the Mayor in Autumn 2002. Implementation of the PGS is underway. Recent PNM retiree and former Environmental Planning Commissioner Susan Johnson was hired in March to manage the implementation process.

The PGS Implementation Management Committee (Planning Director Vic Chavez, Sr. Policy Analyst Laura Mason, APS Superintendent for Business Michael Vigil) meets every other Tuesday. There is also a seat for the county on the committee, but it is currently unfilled. The Management Committee makes decisions about how the implementation process should take place.

The 19-member PGS Implementation Advisory Task Force is fully constituted and meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The Advisory Task Force is the principal citizen advisory group for the Planned Growth Strategy implementation. The members of the group represent Real Estate and Development; Neighborhoods, Civic, Environmental, Planning, Religious or Education Organizations, and Business and Economic Development Organizations. They are:

Real Estate and Development

Lynne Andersen Chuck Gara Chris Leinberger Robert Lupton

Business & Economic Development

Margy Hernandez Bo Johnson Debbie O'Malley **Neighborhood**

Neighborhood

Kim Amano (District 6) Laura Feight (District 6) Laura Horton (District 5) Trudy Jones (District 8) Rick Linkous (District 7) Antonio Maestas (District 1) Mary Strickman (District 9) Ramona Tafoya (District 2) Pat Verrelle (District 4)

<u>Civic, Environmental, Planning,</u> <u>Religious or Education Organization</u>

Skip Cowan Tanda Meadors Walter Miller

At its next two meetings, the Advisory Task Force will review and comment on the PGS Infrastructure and Growth Plan – a forecast of where growth will occur, and at what rate, over the next 25 years. Ultimately, the Infrastructure and Growth Plan will be adopted by the City Council and will serve as the basis for Capital Improvement Programming.

An upcoming major work item is the development of impact fees, as called for in the enabling legislation for the PGS and authorized by the NM Development Fees Act. A 20-member Impact Fee Committee will be appointed soon. Twelve of the Implementation Advisory Task Force will serve on the Committee. The Management Committee will propose additional members. The scope of technical assistance work that will be required for the Impact Fee Committee to carry out its responsibilities is being determined.

The World's Premiere Digital Filmmaking Competition Returns For Another Encore

The 4th Annual Flicks on 66/DigiFest Southwest film festival takes over Albuquerque this July. This year's festival is organized by the Albuquerque-based non-profit Digital Filmmaking Institute, Inc.

Seven emerging filmmakers from around

the world will get the chance to see their cinematic visions brought to life, starting July 13, when movie crews fan out across New Mexico in a race against time.

The filmmakers will have just 7 days to shoot, edit and premiere their short movies. The movies will be screened at the Hiland Theatre on **July 19**.

The 7 scripts were selected from nearly 200 entered in this year's contest. Winners include: "Lifters," by Faisal Azam Qureshi of Cheadle, England; "Cluck," by Peter Darchuk of Seattle; "BABOF," by Michael Flowers of Albuquerque; "Clown Camp," by Dan Borengasser of Springdale, Ark.; "Blueberry Muffins," by Suzie Bohannon of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; "Medicine Wind," by David Stebbins of Oakland, Calif.; and "The Family Sausage," by Katie Landon of Albuquerque.

Confirmed mentors include Donal Logue, star of Fox TV's "Grounded for Life" and the made-in-New Mexico-movie "The Tao of Steve"; sitcom guru, Alan Walker, director of photography for shows including "The Cosby Show," "Soap," among others; and Barry Alexander Brown, long-time editor for Spike Lee.

The festival also hosts a digital animation competition, with a focus on animation designed specifically for planetarium domes. The event will be held at the Lodestar Planetarium at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History in Albuquerque.

Major sponsors for this year's festival include Vizeon, Monarch Broadcast Services, the New Mexico Film Office, the New Mexico Department of Tourism, Bexel, Red Bull and Madstone Theaters.

For more information, log-on to <www.digifestsouthwest.com.> For interviews, contact executive director Jim "Grubb" Graebner at 505-280-4070 or 505-255-1991.

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Monday, June 23	Wednesday, July 2	Monday, July 14	Tuesday, July 22
•City Council – 5 p.m.	•ACTMI – 9:30 a.m.	•GABAC – 4:30 p.m.	•BOA – 9 a.m.
Tuesday, June 24	•Westside Coalition	• SWAN – 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, July 23
•ELUA – 2 p.m.	– 7 p.m.	Tuesday, July 15	•DRB – 9 a.m.
•BOA – 9 a.m.	Friday, July 4	•ZHE – 9 a.m.	•EPC Pre-Hearing
Wednesday, June 25	•Independence Day	•GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	– 1:30 p.m.
•DRB – 9 a.m.	City Offices Closed	Wednesday, July 16	•TAB – 1:30 p.m.
•LEPC – 9 a.m.	Wednesday, July 9	•DRB – 9 a.m.	Thursday, July 24
•EPC – Pre-Hearing	•DRB – 9 a.m.	Thursday, July 17	•District 8 Coalition
– 1:30 p.m.	•LUCC – 3 p.m.	•EPC – 8:30 a.m.	- 7 p.m.
•TAB – 1:30 p.m.	•AQCB – 5 p.m.		Monday, July 28
	Thursday, July 10		•City Council – 5 p.m*
	•POC – 4 p.m.		*(if needed)
	•North Valley		Wednesday, July 30
	Coalition –7 p.m.		•DRB – 9 a.m.
			•LEPC – 9 a.m.

~Happenings Around Albuquerque~ CIVIC PLAZA SETTING FOR 2003 SIZZLIN' SUMMERFEST SATURDAY NIGHTS

•Civic Plaza, considered to be the City's social and ceremonial symbol of downtown Albuquerque, will be the site for the 2003 Sizzlin Summerfest Saturday night entertainment season. The Cultural Services Department/Community Events Division announces the start of the 2003 Sizzling Summerfest beginning in June and running through August 2003.

The annual Sizzlin Summerfest will include 6 **Saturday nights, scheduled from 6 p.m. – 10:30 p.m**. Each event will have national and local entertainment, arts and crafts booths, children's activities, and vendors that will serve a variety of foods to please all tastes.

"Sizzlin Summerfest is planned so that there is something for everyone — the young, elderly, families, and singles, and it's all free, brought to you by the City of Albuquerque. It is about coming out, having a good time, and simply enjoying all that Albuquerque has to offer," stated Mayor Martin Chavez.

June 21 - "Saturday Night Blues" featuring Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown & Gate's Express

June 28 – "Indigenous Rhythm" featuring "Indigenous"

July 12 – "Sports Fest" featuring "Stayin' Alive" Tribute to the Bee Gees

July 19 - "World Beats" featuring Doug Kershaw

July 26 - "Country Sounds" featuring Johnny Rodriquez & David Ball

August 2 – "Latin Sizzle" featuring Al Hurricane & Al Hurricane Jr.

For more information, contact Special Events Supervisor, Linda Hubley at **505-768-3555**.

•The Albuquerque Museum, 2000 Mountain Rd. NW, Saturdays in July – Family Art Workshops 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Join us on July 5, 12, 19 & 26 for creative fun for the entire family. Free with museum admission. Wednesday, July 2 – Free Day at The Albuquerque Museum, the first Wednesday of the month is free admission day at the museum. Friday, July 4 – Fourth of July Holiday, Celebrate the 4th of July at The Albuquerque Museum. The Museum is open 9-5. Thursday, July 10 – Lo Maduro de la Cultura 7:00 p.m. Lo Maduro de la Cultura presents the music and poetry of the Southwest. Museum admission applies. Saturday, July 26 – New exhibition, opening reception of the Magnifico exhibition Albuquerque Contemporary 2003. This is the 14th annual juried exhibition of Albuquerque artists. Open to the public. Free. Jazz & Salsa Under the Stars in the Museum Sculpture Garden: Salsa Performances: Friday, July 11 – Encanto; Friday, July 18 – Charanga Del Valle; Friday, July 25 – Son Como Son. Jazz Performances: Saturday, July 12 – Milo and Friends with Paul Gonzales & Ed Ulman; Saturday, July 19 – 2nd annual Jazz Guitar Festival; Saturday, July 26 – Linda Cotton & her band. Performances are 7 – 10 p.m. in the museum sculpture garden. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$ for adults, children under 12 are free. For more information call the NM Jazz Workshop at 255-9798 or the museum at 243-7255.